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Mr. David M. Taliaferro
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Dear Mr. Taliaferro:

We have attempted to respond as accurately as possible to all questions contained in your, Request For Information, dated October 18, 1984. Since your request covers such a long time span, we could not find written documentation on many points and had to rely on recollection by the following employees: James Tarpo, John Murphy, George Murphy, James Murphy, and Michael Burge.

Our N.P.L. is based on our land disposal practices, which occurred from 1955 through 1975. After 1975 we can document that land disposal ended at our facility (Doc. #'s 1,2,3,4,5,6). On this basis we have withheld all generator and certain process information connected with post 1975 activity. We have provided information on all waste materials shipped off site during the period of the request.

We are claiming our entire response to be confidential for the following reasons: We have included certain process data that we are under secrecy agreement not to disclose, and secondly, due to our present hazardous waste activity, we are in a sensitive position in both the business and the local community. Our N.P.L. has adversely impacted our business and has needlessly created fear in the surrounding area. We caution you to judiciously release any information we have supplied.

We thank you for your patience in this matter and wish to convey our intent to cooperate in a manner that will promptly resolve this issue.

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information. I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment."

Yours truly,



James Tarpo
President